Deaths due to spurious Liquor

2134. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of annual deaths due to the consumption of spurious liquor in the country;

(b) whether in view of the growing incidents in liquor tragedies Central Government have critically reviewed the existing law prohibiting production and selling of illicit liquor as also of the Control over of availability of lethal agents used to adulterate liquor; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated by the Government to make the law more stringent to check liquor tragedies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A statement showing available State-wise number of deaths due to consumption of spurious liquor during the years 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 is enclosed. *(see* below)

(b) and (c) In order to prevent the production and sale of illicit liquor as also to have control over of availability of lethal agents used for adulterating liquor, the Government of India have issued instructions on 14th November, 1991 to all State Drug Controllers to carry out detailed inspections of all manufacturing firms on a priority basis. The permission for use of rectified spirit in place of 'Parsanna' has also been withdrawn by correcting the Ayurvedic Formulary of India (Part-I). The Ministry of Health has also informed that further action is contemplated to restrict the size of packing and alcoholic content in such of those drugs that are likely to be misused as alcoholic beverages.

Statement

Number of Deaths by Consuming Spurious Liquor During 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991

S. No.	State / UT	1988	1989	1990	1991
STATES:					
1.	Andhra Pradesh	70	88	106	78 October
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	—	4 October
3.	Assam	—	—	—	2 October
4.	Bihar	60	70	70	1 August
5.	Goa	11	13	10	0 December
6.	Gujarat	19	21	N.R.	28 September
7.	Haryana	21	13	—	29 August
8.	Himachal Pradesh	18	13	13	1 December
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	4	2	2 September
10.	Karnataka	100	104	128	9 November
11.	Kerala	8	15	15	19 December
12.	Madhya Pradesh	62	70	74	12 November
13.	Maharashtra	151	138	184	90 December
14.	Manipur	—	2	—	1 December
15.	Meghalaya	9	8	—	0 September
16.	Mizoram	—	—	2	0 December
17.	Nagaland	—	1	—	0 December
18.	Orissa	10	26	27	6 October
19.	Punjab	74	56	37	0 December
20.	Rajasthan	4	11	7	4 December
21.	Sikkim	1	0	—	0 December
22.	Tamil Nadu	107	76	117	277 November
23.	Tripura	—	—	—	0 December
24.	Uttar Pradesh	15	63	69	2 November
25.	West Bengal	34	19	8	97 September
UNION TERRITORIES:					
26.	A & N Islands	5	6	—	0 December
27.	Chandigarh	1	6	4	0 December
28.	D & N Haveli	—	2	—	0 November

S. No.	State / UT	1988	1989	1990	1991	
29.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—	0	(Exp., September, & October
30.	Delhi	—	—	—	202	November
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—	0	November
32.	Pondicherry	—	—	—	0	October

ईंधन का कुशल उपयोग

2135. **श्री रणजीत सिंह**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 6 जनवरी, 1992 के "इंडियन एक्सप्रेस" में "एफिशियन्ट फ्यूअल यूज कैन सेव 1 मिट्रिक टन आफ हाई स्पीड डीजल" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि इसके सावधानी पूर्वक इस्तेमाल से देश में काफी बड़ी मात्रा में ईंधन की बचत की जा सकती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस दिशा में कोई कार्य योजना तैयार की है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के कुशल उपयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए विभिन्न उपाय क्रियान्वित किए जा रहे हैं। इसमें जन जागरण अभियान, रेल प्रयोक्ताओं के लक्ष्यांकित समूहों को शिक्षण और प्रशिक्षण देना, ईंधन कुशल उपायों और उन्नयन किए गए स्नेहकों के प्रयोग को बढ़ाना, वैकल्पिक ईंधनों के उपयोग को बढ़ावा देना और पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के दुरुपयोग के साथ-साथ उसकी क्षति को कम करना शामिल है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Extension of HBJ Pipeline

2136. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for extension of HBJ pipeline upto Gorakhpur and Banda;

(b) whether it is proposed to connect Berauni with the HBJ pipeline; and

(c) if so, what is the status of execution of this project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

2137. *[Transferred to the 26th March,* 1992]

Exploration of Gas in Tripura

2138. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any exploration of oil and natural gas has been made in Tripura; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government are making full use of the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As on 1.1.1991, 23.7 BCM of inplace geological reserves of gas have been established. Against and availability of 1.89 MMSCMD from known reserves, allocation to the extent of 4.85 MMSCMD have been made.

Import of Crude

2139. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring new markets for import of crude and petroleum products during 1992-93;

(b) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange likely to be required to meet the import?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Exploration of new markets and trial of new crudes that can be processed in Indian refineries is an on going process.